



# General Meeting Agenda

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January 10, 2023 | 6:00 PM

## BTES PTA Board Members

Beejal Kimes, President; Alyssa Shrader, VP Family Engagement; Anshu Singh, Treasurer;  
Sapna Hencinski, Recording Secretary; Megan Plank, VP of Events; Ali Downes  
VP Communications; Mandy Lazisky, Programs;  
Diane Kuadey/Jyothsna Kondamudi, Co-VP Programs; Megan Plank, VP Fundraising

Alisa Rogaliner/Designee, BTES

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6:30 pm	Call meeting to order	Beejal Kimes
	1. President's Report	
	a. Thank you to everyone that came out and supported multicultural night.	
	b. Awarded an Internet Awesome grant thanks to Salma applying for it, Virtual event at the end of Feb hosted by the PTA. February 16th or March 2nd	
	c. There was recently vandalism in our area that noted some racist rhetoric. We were not allowed to make a statement unless our general PTA voted on it according to. So please vote yay or nay if you are ok or not ok with the PTA speaking out against items like this. If we get a yay then we can continue to post that support for the community.	
	d. Minority Student Achievement Council. We are looking for a BTES delegate. You don't have to be a minority to participate. Delegates attend in person meeting the 2nd wed of the month at the administrative building. Next week Pastor Michelle will be coming to talk about different racial concerns/vandalism that have happened	

in our school district. We need someone to sit on this council so that Buffalo Trail can have a voice when it comes to policy. Taking the information from the meeting and summarize it and send it to Ms. Rogaliner so that she can put the summary in the bison brief. Advocating for the unique needs of all of our students. So that all families know they have a place in our school. So that when incidents happen we can address them in the appropriate way.

- e. We have been trying to get after school programs up and running and the way things are with Loudoun County it's been difficult to get it going. The PTA will not be doing after school programs this year. If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Beejal.

7:32 pm

BTES Principal Report

Mrs. Rogaliner or designee

1. If you prefer the Zoom format of the PTA meetings please indicate your preference in chat.
2. Have had new students enroll in the school
3. Any delay in after school programs have nothing to do with apathy but there are a lot of hurdles to go through in terms of approval. Both financial and safety protocols that must be followed.
4. Recognition of the playground, Thank you to Ms. Plank and Mr. Loving for their work on getting the design and plans for the playground in place for us to provide to the school board.
5. Playground update - big thanks to Megan helping pull together all the designs and information. The vendor that was selected is already approved. We submitted everything. Tentative request has been approved. Next step is a site visit. 1/3 of the playground close to the double gates. Going to send the engineers to look at the playground area. Originally we were looking at doing some surfacing at the blacktop but now it will be a rubberized surface.
6. I have several parents reaching out regarding volunteering. There is an updated volunteer form link that is on the website. If you look for volunteers on the website there is a link on how to do that.

7:35 pm

## Vice President Reports

1. Communications and Fundraising Megan Plank
  - Fundraising Box Tops about \$300. Amazon gave us \$210 last week. Spirit Night Thursday Jan 19th at Moes
  - No increase in communication engagement in December. 682 engaged folks.
2. Events Ali Downes
  - Next big event is the Valentine's Day Dance on February 10th. Look out for the flyer and sign up link that will be in the Bison Brief and on Facebook. 1 parent attend per child/children. More information coming out in the next few weeks.
  - Breakfast with Bison 2/16, 2/17 will be by last name
  - Watch Dog Dad's information in the next bison brief and the application., Once application is submitted it goes through a vetting process to then have the Watch Dog Dads in the building.
  - Next Spirit Wear Sale will be in February.

6:45pm

## Committee Reports

1. Teacher Appreciation Lauren Bocek/Daphne Lee
2. Sponsorships Salma Srour
3. Teacher Representative Updates
  - a. Alexa Persinger (alexapersinger@lcps.org) - Kinder
    - i. So excited about the new kinder playground!
    - ii. We had a wonderful turn out for families and parent volunteers for our winter party right before the break. Students loved all the activities. For February, we have a dentist coming to talk about dental health to all the kinder classes, a students parent that is a dentist is coming to talk to them.
    - iii. Friendship Week! Huge thank to PTA to making multicultural night such a success.
  - b. JoAnne Johnson (JoAnne.Johnson@lcps.org) - 1st

- i. We had a really great December. So much fun at our class parties and parent support planning fun activities for the kids.
  - ii. Mid-year testing zone. MAP testing to wrap up by the end of this year.
- c. Shannon Abel (Shannon.Abel@lcps.org)- 2nd
  - i. Working on computer science and coding.
  - ii. Students are going to use 3D printers to print out snowflakes.
- d. Justine Bryan (justine.bryan@lcps.org) - 3rd
  - i. Had a fun lesson with Mr. Bogden. They got to create their initials in hieroglyphics and print them out in a 3D printer.
- e. Riley Davis (riley.davis@lcps.org) - 4th
  - i. No Report. Ms. Davis is out until tom.
- f. Caroline Aho (caroline.aho@lcps.org) - 5th
  - i. Finishing up the 2nd quarter with lots of testing. Lots of coding and kids get so excited to go to the Makerspace. Making an instrument using recyclable materials. We will be working closely with Mr. Bogden on that. There is a lot of transition going on for 5th grade but they are ready for it.
- g. Ann Marie Dewald (AnnMarie.Dewald@lcps.org) - Non Graded SPEC
- h. David Gintert (david.gintert@lcps.org) - PE
  - i. Just finished our bowling unit. Thank you to all the parents that donated winter lights. Excited to put those lights up for the family bowling night on February 24th. Raise money with Food Trucks for the 5th Grade Promotion.
- i. Yasmine Mendez (yasmine.mendez@lcps.org) - EL -
- j. Valerie Turinsky-Storer (Valerie.TurinskyStorer@lcps.org) - SPED
  - i. Great to have the MAP assessment to drive instruction.
  - ii. Nice things for kids with special needs. Exciting for them to see that they have learned something new.

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- k. Shawna Feaster (shawna.feaster@lcps.org) - Guidance Counselor
  - i. 5th Grade transition to middle school. Field trips to middle school.
  - ii. Spirit Week is the same week as Valentine's Day week. Will send out information on what the spirit days are.
  - iii. Guest speaker series in February. Each week highlights different aspects for Black History Month. Each week

8:00 pm

Adjournment

Beejal Kimes

**Next Board Meeting Tuesday February 7th, 2023 @ 6:00 pm – Virtual**

**Next General Meeting Tuesday, February 7th, 2023 @ 7:00 pm – Virtual**

From Me to Beejal Kimes: (Direct Message)

You have to hit record

From Alyssa Shrader to Everyone:

yay

From JoAnne Johnson to Everyone:

yay

From Daphne to Everyone:

Yay

From danielplank to Everyone:

yah

From Salma Srour-Jaz... to Everyone:

yay

From Trey to Everyone:

Yay

From Shannon Abel to Everyone:

yay

From [Caroline Aho](#) to Everyone:

yay

From [Lauren.Bocek](#) to Everyone:

yay

From [Justine Bryan](#) to Everyone:

yay

From [Anika](#) to Everyone:

Yay

From [K-5 Reading](#) to Everyone:

yay

From [David Gintert](#) to Everyone:

yay

From [Trey](#) to Everyone:

And thank you for making that post [Beejal](#)

From [Jill Krause, KG...](#) to Everyone:

yay

From [Arun](#) to Everyone:

Yay

From [Valerie](#) to Everyone:

yay

From [em](#) to Everyone:

Yay

From [Danielle](#) to Everyone:

Yay